

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In the PATENT APPLICATION of:**

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**For:** IMAGE PICKUP SYSTEM

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114  
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: